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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 23 NOV, the West Point's Ethics Debate Team will compete in the 2019 Northeast Regional Ethics Bowl at Salisbury University. The team will compete against 24 other colleges and universities from across the Northeast. The top four teams will qualify for the National Ethics Bowl in February.

Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. CDT Michael Acevedo, a member of the Creative Writing Forum, had a poem selected for publication by *Laurel Moon Magazine*, the literary magazine of Brandeis University. The title of CDT Acevedo's poem is "four Phases of Cooking for Family." This is CDT Acevedo's first creative publication.
2. On 15 NOV, the Department of English and Philosophy and the Humanities Center hosted an interdisciplinary, faculty-focused talk and colloquium with Dr. Wayne Franklin. Dr. Franklin is a Professor of English at UCONN, and gave a lecture called "Diligent Writers" Reconsidered: Literacy, Reportage, and the Creation of Early Modern Space.
3. On 15-16 NOV, the Speech and Parliamentary Forum competed at the Johns Hopkins Debate Tournament. This tournament used a format where the topic changes every round, requiring a broad expanse of knowledge. Topics included military conscription, credit swapping in the EU, Communism, and PETA's tax exemption.
4. On 18 NOV, the Department of English and Philosophy will be hosting an English Majors' Luncheon at Ike Hall Riverside Cafe starting at 1130.

DEPARTMENT: Department of Foreign Languages
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1. This week, Dr. Sherry Maggin and LTC Ricardo Fregoso will present their research at the Online Learning Consortium (OLC) Accelerate event. Their research focuses on utilizing social media platforms, such as Microsoft Teams, in Spanish classes.
2. On November 22-24, Dr. John Benjamin will attend the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) annual conference in Washington, DC.

3. MAJ Clay Hardwick, along with Cadets Anchor Losch, Kasea Losch, and Thomas Sonnie will visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from November 23 - December 1 to take part in a service academy study organized by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations (NCUSAR) in conjunction with the Saudi government. The NCUSAR organizes these annual trips to provide future officers insights into bilateral military relations with some of America's closest Middle Eastern allies. The event will include visits to both U.S. and Saudi military sites, as well as important cultural locations.
4. Semester Abroad Program (SAP) Cadets in France and Belgium will join MAJ Lou Cascino from the French Section at the 75th Commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium as guests of the Belgian Royal Military Academy from December 12-15.

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1. On November 16, First Class Cadets on Semester Abroad to France, Daniel Archer, Charles Landefeld, Jacob Lemelin, Cameron Morello, Liam Neary, and Benjamin Wiggins received their branches during a ceremony at the Brittany American Cemetery and Memorial in Brittany, France. The West Point Society of Paris assisted in the organization of this unique event where Cadets paid homage by conducting a flag folding ceremony, rubbing sand from Omaha Beach in the engravings, and laying chrysanthemums at the graves of six USMA graduates who are buried at the cemetery.
2. On November 18, the Spanish section hosted the Ambassador of Chile, Alfonso Silva Navarro, as part of DFL Spanish Distinguished Lecture Series. MAJ George Gurrola served as the escort officer and coordinated a lecture focused on "Security Challenges in the 21st Century." Over 150 Cadets attended the lecture and were able to learn from an experienced diplomat.
3. MAJ George Gurrola, along with MAJ Elissa Adams and CPT Bill Sack presented at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) conference in Atlanta, GA. Their research focused on Faculty Integration Programs tailored to modern language instructors.

DEPARTMENT: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

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1. Six cadets from the USMA Cadet Competitive Cyber Team (C3T) worked tirelessly over the last two weeks (November 4-15, 2019) to understand, repair, and reinforce an enterprise network of compromised virtual machines and physical servers. After a strong start that propelled West Point into the top 20 teams early on competition day, the last few hours of the contest saw C3T's placement fall back into the middle of the pack.
2. Special Agent Jonathan Perlstein from the FBI NY Office Cyber Branch visited EECS on 11/21. He gave a talk on software reverse engineering. In this talk Jonathan Perlstein presented a general overview of the software reverse engineering (SRE) task, specifically the process of analyzing unknown software for which source code is unavailable.

DEPARTMENT: History

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1.. November 22nd: Department of History ACFT Practice: Department staff and faculty participate in a group workout designed to improve overall physical fitness as well as facilitate a better understanding of the ACFT exercises.

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1. November 14th: Ladies Fall Coffee: Ladies of the Department of History gathered for an evening of comradery. Melissa Siry led the ladies in a Holiday Art Crafting project.
2. November 15th: Department of History Review & Analysis with BG Jebb: Department leadership briefed BG Jebb on the progress of various initiatives including the integration of HI101/151 into the core curriculum.
3. November 20th: History Major Professional Development: Staff and faculty from the Department of History hosted a mentorship meeting at the West Point Club with a focus on Yearling and Cow Cadets. Topics at these sessions include applying for research grants, managing 8TAPs, developing healthy work habits, preparing for graduate school, and more.

DEPARTMENT: Mathematical Sciences
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1. On 2-3 December 2019, LTG Quintas (USMA 1986) and a former member of the staff and faculty (D/Math) will conduct a faculty development workshop. He will discuss the priorities and expectations of USMA officers returning to the operating force.

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1. On 20 November 2019, Dr. Eric Forgoston, from Montclair State University gave a talk titled "Quantifying Material Transport in Geophysical Flows". The talk presented current efforts in understanding the impact of geophysical fluid dynamics on underwater vehicle control and autonomy.
2. On 20 November 2019, LTC Nicholas Clark gave a talk to the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) on Data Science. The talk focused on popular data science use cases that WPAOG can apply to both their business analytics as well as social media outreach.
3. On 21 November 2019, the Center for Leadership and Diversity in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (CLD STEM) co-hosted a middle school STEM workshop at the University of Cincinnati with the Greater Cincinnati West Point Society. Dr. Mike Steward and Dr. Ensela Mema of the Department of Mathematical Sciences will facilitate a course for up to 40 students on programming electrical circuits. Four cadets from the Society of Women Engineers (Cadet Donia Nichols '20, Cadet Grace Turner '22, Cadet Vivian Tsai '23) and the National Society of Black Engineers (Cadet Jordan Soper-Johnson '21) are also participating in this event. The objective of this six-hour workshop is to promote interest in STEM activities for underrepresented populations that are local to the Cincinnati community.

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1. During 19-22 November, COL John Hartke, Dr. Mitch Pfenning and CPT Joe Fasone will travel to San Diego, CA with 10 cadets who will be presenting at the 2019 DEPS Directed Energy Systems Symposium.

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1. Mr. Scott Nagley, Vice President of business development for the BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, INC, gave two lectures on 15 November 2019 to nuclear engineering majors, nuclear engineering sequence cadets, as well as PANE staff and faculty. His lectures included discussions about mobile nuclear power development for the military as well as the safety and culture within the nuclear community.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences
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1. 2 December. **Ms. Jen Easterly**, a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley and Global Head of the Firm's Cybersecurity Fusion Center, will guest lecture with SS464: Homeland Security and Defense on "Safeguarding and Securing Cyberspace." Prior to her time with Morgan Stanley, she served nearly three decades in service to the U.S. Government, including time on the National Security Council as Special Assistant to President Obama and Senior Director for Counterterrorism and an over twenty year career in the Army that included standing up the Army's first cyber battalion. Ms. Easterly is a distinguished graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and holds a master's degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar.
2. 3 December. **BG Leonard F. Anderson IV** (USMC) – Deputy Commander for Joint Task Force ARES, United States Cyber Command's counterterrorism effort and Deputy Commander for Marine Forces Cyber Command/Joint Forces Headquarters Cyber, Marines – visits the CTC for a command brief.

3. 12 December. SOSH will host our annual **Kids Holiday Party** in the department conference room. Santa, an elf and a reindeer are projected to make an appearance as the SOSH family enjoys deserts and a chance to celebrate the season!

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1. 19 November. The **FDNY** and the **Combating Terrorism Center** teamed up for the now biannual FDNY – CTC Crisis Simulation in Brooklyn, New York, which is the capstone event for SS464 Homeland Security and Defense. Cadets were assigned roles within the Incident Command System and tasked with responding to a homeland security crisis– “Hurricane Kelly.” Cadets learned a great deal about crisis leadership under pressure thanks to **Captain Mike Nigro and Chief Thomas Currao** of the FDNY’s Counterterrorism and Emergency Preparedness team for all their effort in putting together another terrific simulation exercise for our cadets.
2. 14 November. **Professor Richard H. Shultz.**, Professor of International Politics and director of the International Security Studies Program at Tufts Fletcher School, visited SOSH. The headline event was an evening lecture with cadets of the International Affairs Forum titled “The Fight Against Al-Qaida in Iraq: A Case Study on U.S. Special Operations Task Force 714.” Professor Shultz also held a session with researchers from the CTC in the morning, and a SOSH faculty seminar in the afternoon.
3. 10-13 November. American Politics Instructors, **MAJ Steve Taylor and CPT Rex Steele**, led 18 cadets with the **Domestic Affairs Forum** on their annual trip to Ottawa, Canada to take a comparative look at Canadian Civ-Mil relations. This year the cadets were invited to take part in Canada’s Veterans Day celebration by participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Canadian National War Memorial on 11 November.